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ABSTRACT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S RETURN OF THE MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND AND WALES DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER (OCTOBER—DECEMBER) OF 1861, AND OF THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY—MARCH) OF 1862.

THIS Return comprises the BIRTHS and DEATHS registered by 2,199 Registrars in all the districts of England during the winter quarter that ended on March 31st, 1862; and the MARRIAGES in 12,550 churches or chapels, about 4,572 registered places of worship unconnected with the Established Church, and 635 Superintendent Registrars' offices, in the quarter that ended on December 31st, 1861.

The *marriage-rate*, which had been low in the preceding nine months of 1861, continued rather low in the last quarter of the year. The births were numerous in the first quarter of the present year, as they had been in 1861; and the rate of mortality, which was comparatively low in the last two years, was not high in the first quarter of the present year. The marriage-rate in 1861, and the increase of pauperism in the same period, concur to indicate a less prosperous state of trade and industry in the community; but physical causes, and improvement in sanitary condition, appear to have exercised a favourable influence on the public health.

MARRIAGES.—The number of persons married in the December quarter of last year was 96,972; the total number in the year was 327,490. The marriage-rate of the quarter was 1·904 against an average of 1·991; the marriage-rate of the year was 1·628 against 1·684.

ENGLAND:—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, *and* DEATHS, *returned in the Years* 1856-62, *and in the* QUARTERS *of those Years.*

Calendar YEARS, 1855-61:—*Numbers.*

Years	'62.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
Marriages No.	—	163,745	170,156	167,723	156,070	159,097	159,337
Births ..... ,,	—	695,562	684,048	689,881	655,481	663,071	657,453
Deaths..... ,,	—	435,337	422,721	440,781	449,656	419,815	390,506

QUARTERS *of each Calendar Year* 1856-62.

(I.) MARRIAGES:—*Numbers.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March .....No	—	33,401	35,150	35,382	29,918	33,321	33,427
June ..... ,,	—	41,966	43,777	42,042	39,890	41,267	38,820
Septmbr..... ,,	—	39,892	40,541	39,803	38,599	38,669	39,089
Decmbr. .... ,,	—	48,486	50,688	50,496	47,663	45,840	48,001

QUARTERS *of each Calendar Year*, 1856–62.

(II.) BIRTHS:—*Numbers.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March .....No.	182,005	173,170	183,180	175,532	170,959	170,430	169,250
June ..... ,,	—	184,718	174,028	175,864	169,115	170,444	173,263
Septmbr..... ,,	—	171,500	164,121	168,394	157,445	161,181	157,462
Decmbr. .... ,,	—	166,174	162,719	170,091	157,962	161,016	157,478

(III.) DEATHS:—*Numbers.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March .....No.	122,192	121,713	122,617	121,580	125,819	108,665	103,014
June ..... ,,	—	107,721	110,869	105,631	107,142	100,046	100,099
Septmbr..... ,,	—	100,986	86,312	104,216	98,142	100,528	91,155
Decmbr. .... ,,	—	104,917	102,923	109,354	118,553	110,576	96,238

In London the *marriages* in the quarter were 7,328; in the north-western counties (Cheshire and Lancashire), which contain a rather larger population than London, the number was 7,092. While the *metropolis* maintained its marriages, as compared with those of the corresponding quarter of 1860, *Lancashire* reported a *considerable decrease*, for in the two corresponding quarters the numbers in that county were respectively 6,835 and 6,083. It was stated in a Registrar's report from Lancashire, made at the end of last year, that "the demand for labour in the cotton factories and the market generally had been fully a third below the average." The midland counties and Yorkshire also exhibited a decrease in marriages.

To take a few towns for examples of *decrease:* In Manchester marriages declined from 1,285 in the last quarter of 1860 to 1,151 in that of 1861; in Ashton from 342 to 271; in Blackburn from 412 to 281; in Preston from 355 to 254; in Stockport from 332 to 218; in Bradford from 575 to 483; in Sheffield from 601 to 471; in Nottingham from 252 to 210.

ENGLAND:—*Annual Rate Per Cent. of* PERSONS MARRIED, BIRTHS, *and* DEATHS, *during the* YEARS 1856-62, *and the* QUARTERS *of those Years.*

Calendar YEARS, 1856-62:—*General Percentage Results.*

YEARS	'62.	Mean '52-'61.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
Estmtd. Popln. of England *in thousands* in middle of each Year....	20,341	—	20,119	19,903	19,687	19,471	19,257	19,043
Persons Married Per ct.	—	1·684	1·628	1·710	1·704	1·604	1·652	1·674
Births .... ,,	—	3·420	3·457	3·437	3·504	3·366	3·443	3·453
Deaths.... ,,	—	2·221	2·164	2·124	2·239	2·309	2·180	2·051

QUARTERS *of each Calendar Year*, 1856-62.

(I.) PERSONS MARRIED:—*Percentages.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	Mean '52-'61.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March....Per ct.	—	1·405	1·352	1·422	1·464	1·252	1·410	1·414
June..... ,,	—	1·709	1·676	1·766	1·716	1·646	1·722	1·638
Septmbr. ,,	—	1·616	1·572	1·614	1·602	1·570	1·592	1·626
Decmbr. ,,	—	1·991	1·904	2·012	2·026	1·934	1·880	1·992

(II.) BIRTHS:—*Percentages.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	Mean '52-'61.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March....Per ct.	3·644	3·588	3·505	3·707	3·631	3·576	3·604	3·580
June .... ,,	—	3·571	3·687	3·512	3·588	3·488	3·555	3·655
Septmbr. ,,	—	3·285	3·377	3·267	3·389	3·204	3·316	3·276
Decmbr. ,,	—	3·231	3·264	3·230	3·414	3·205	3·304	3·267

(III.) DEATHS:—*Percentages.*

Qrs. ended last day of	'62.	Mean '52-'61.	'61.	'60.	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.
March....Per ct.	2·447	2·489	2·463	2·481	2·515	2·631	2·298	2·179
June..... ,,	—	2·201	2·150	2·237	2·155	2·210	2·087	2·111
Septmbr. ,,	—	2·020	1·989	1·718	2·097	1·997	2·068	1·896
Decmbr. ,,	—	2·171	2·061	2·043	2·195	2·406	2·269	1·997

The marriages of all England declined, but in some places there was an increase. In the district of St. George, Hanover-square, they rose from 235 to 290; in Wakefield from 117 to 141; in Tynemouth from 146 to 182.

BIRTHS.—The total number of births in the first three months of this year was 182,005; in the same period of last year it was 173,170. The birth-rate, 3·644 was higher than in any of the years 1852-61, with the exception of 1860; the average rate is 3·588.

By a review of results in the Eleven Divisions it will be seen that in eight of them the number of *births* was less last quarter than it had been in the corresponding quarter of 1860; that in London the number was slightly higher; in the North-western Division it was higher by nearly 2,000; in the Northern Division also the births exhibited an increase.

In connexion with the above statement it may be observed here that, in comparing the same two periods, the absolute numbers of deaths were less in all the Divisions except the two last-mentioned, viz., the North-western and the Northern, which embrace Cheshire, Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, &c. The conclusion is that generally where the quarter was more fruitful than that of 1860 in respect of births it was also unfortunately distinguished by more numerous deaths.

Where many children were born, many died; and their names were enrolled on both sides of the account.

Increase of Population.—The excess of births over deaths constitutes a natural increase of the population. This excess in the quarter was 59,813, which is equal to a daily average of 665.

In the first three months of this year the total number of *emigrants* who sailed from ports in the United Kingdom where there are Government Emigration

Consols, Provisions, Pauperism, *and* Temperature, *in each of the Nine* Quarters *ended 31st March,* 1862.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Quarters ending	Average Price of Consols (for Money).	Average Price of Wheat per Quarter in England and Wales.	Average Prices of Meat per lb. at Leadenhall and Newgate Markets (by the Carcase), with the *Mean* Prices.		Average Prices of Potatoes (York Regents) per Ton at Waterside Market, Southwark.	Pauperism. Quarterly Average of the Number of Paupers relieved on the *last day* of each week.		Mean Temperature.
			Beef.	Mutton.		In-door.	Out-door.	
1860	£	s. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	s. s. s.			°
31 Mar.	94 5/8	44 5	3¾—6½ 5⅛	4¾—6¾ 5¾	115—145 130	118,523	717,264	38·8
30 June	94 7/8	52 8	4¾—6¾ 5¾	5½—7½ 6½	125—160 142	107,050	692,384	50·5
30 Sept.	93 2/8	59 1	4¼—7 5⅝	5¼—7½ 6⅜	125—145 135	101,680	667,680	56·2
31 Dec.	93 2/8	56 9	3½—6¼ 4⅞	4¾—6¾ 5¾	115—130 122	115,158	673,680	42·6
1861								
31 Mar.	91 6/8	55 1	4—6¼ 5⅛	5½—7¾ 6⅝	140—155 147	131,501	758,441	39·9
30 June	91 6/8	54 9	4¼—6½ 5⅜	5¼—7¼ 6¼	120—140 130	117,802	713,785	51·8
30 Sept.	91 3/8	52 1	4¼—6½ 5⅜	4⅞—7 5⅞	85—110 97	112,932	693,649	60·4
31 Dec.	93 2/8	59 3	4—6¼ 5⅛	4¾—6¾ 5¾	110—130 120	128,533	716,096	45·5
1862								
31 Mar.	93 1/8	60 1	4—6¼ 5⅛	4¾—6½ 5⅝	130—155 142	143,926	804,272	41·1

Col. 6 is deduced from the Weekly Tables published in the *Economist.* The *average* of the highest and of the lowest *weekly* prices is here shown in cols. 4, 5, and 6, and not the *absolute* highest or lowest price quoted at any period of the quarter.

Cols. 7 and 8 are deduced from the Returns of the Poor Law Board. The Returns now relate to 649 Unions, &c., comprising a population of 19,812,000 (in 1851), and do not include the paupers of parishes, &c., incorporated under Gilbert's Act, or still under the 43rd Elizabeth; Lunatic Paupers in Asylums and Vagrants relieved in the above Unions are also excluded. They amounted on January 1st, 1860, to—Insane Persons, 31,554; Vagrants, 1,542. The rest of the paupers on that day amounted to 817,800.

Officers was 15,159, of which 5,197 were persons of English, and about 8,000 of Irish origin. English emigrants left these shores at the rate of 58 daily. About two-thirds of the English went to the Australian Colonies*

The emigration to the *Australian Colonies* which had been much reduced as well as the emigration to all parts, exhibits some appearance of revival, while that to the *United States* continues rapidly to decline. In the quarter that ended 21st March emigrants (English, Scotch, Irish, and Foreign) to the Australian Colonies were 4,411 in 1860, 3,227 in 1861, and 6,322 in the present year; to the United States there went in the same periods 15,117, 12,156, and 7,210. The last number forms not more than the sixth or seventh part of the emigration to the same part of the world ten years ago.

PRICES, THE WEATHER, AND PAUPERISM.—The average price of wheat per quarter was 60*s.*; it was higher than it had been in any quarter since 1856. In the March quarter of 1860 and 1861 the price was 44*s.* 5*d.* and 55*s.* 1*d.* Potatoes were not cheap; they were on an average 142*s.* 6*d.* per ton. Beef was at the same price as in the same period of last year; mutton was a penny per lb. cheaper.

The mean temperature of the air at Greenwich for the three months was 41°·1 (which was also the temperature of February); it was 1°·6 above the average of 21 years. The mean temperature of each month was above the average; the highest temperature recorded was obtained at Bournemouth, near Poole, where the thermometer reached 70° in March; the lowest was reached Holkham; it was 11°·8, and occurred in March.

It is stated that at Belvoir Castle the land was in excellent condition for farming operations in January and February; but the wet weather at the latter end of March prevented all out-door work. Wheat looked well in favourable situations. Influenza had been prevalent among horses in January and February, and was fatal in many cases. At Culloden ploughing was completed about the middle of January on many farms; wheat had an early and rapid growth, and looked well. At Harrogate vegetation was very forward.

The Returns of the Poor Law Board bear faithful witness to the distress that unhappily prevails in many districts. The average number of in-door paupers relieved on the last day of each week rose from 118,523 in the March quarter of 1860 to 143,926 in the corresponding quarter of this year; that of out-door paupers from 717,264 to 804,272. The increase which the last returns show was very manifest, though not to an equal degree, in the March quarter of the intermediate year 1861.

STATE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.—The total number *of deaths* registered in the quarter was 122,192; it was not so great as in the same quarter of 1860, when the number was 122,617. London returned 18,405 deaths; Lancashire, which has a population less by upwards of 300,000 persons, returned 18,652. If the rate of mortality had been the same in Lancashire that it was in London, the deaths in that county, would have been about 16,000.

The *rate of mortality was lowest* in the SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES, which include Sussex, Hampshire, Berkshire, and the extra-metropolitan parts of Surrey and Kent; and in the SOUTH-WESTERN, which include Wiltshire, Dorsetshire, Devonshire, Cornwall, and Somersetshire; it was *higher* in the EASTERN and NORTH and SOUTH MIDLAND DIVISIONS; *higher still* in the WEST MIDLAND. The *highest rates of mortality* prevailed in Yorkshire, the Northern Counties, Monmouthshire, and Wales; in London; and in the NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION, which includes Cheshire and Lancashire. The last-mentioned Division is unfavourably distinguished above all the rest.

The rate of mortality in *England and Wales* in the quarter was 2·447 per

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* From a Return with which the Registrar-General has been favoured by the Emigration Commissioners: the number returned as of English origin was 4,200. while the birthplace of 2,907 emigrants was not distinguished; in the above statement a proportional number of these has been added to those returned as of English origin.

cent.; the average being 2·489. It ranged in the March quarter of the previous ten years from 2·2 to 2·9.

DEATHS *in the Winter Quarters, ended* 31*st March*, 1855-62.—*Numbers.*

DEATHS, &c.	1862.	Total 1852-61, (10 Years.)	1861.	1860.	1859.	1858.	1857.	1856.	1855.
In 125 Districts and 23 Sub-districts, comprising the *Chief Towns*	66,040	606,862	65,155	63,199	62,194	63,652	57,050	53,973	68,224
In the remaining Districts and Sub-districts of England and Wales, comprising chiefly Small Towns and *Country Parishes* ...	56,152	567,408	56,558	59,418	59,386	62,167	51,615	49,041	66,398
All England.....	122,192	1,174,270	121,713	122,617	121,580	125,819	108,665	103,014	134,542

AREA, POPULATION, DEATHS, *and* MORTALITY *per Cent. in the Winter Quarters, ended* 31*st March*, 1852-62.

GROUPS.	Area in Statute Acres. (England.)	Population Enumerated. (England.)		Deaths in 10 Winter Quarters, 1852-61.	Average Annual Rate of Mortality per Cent. of 10 Winter Quarters, 1852-61.	Annual Rate of Mortality per Cent. in the Winter Quarter, 1862.
		March 31st, 1851.	April 8th, 1861.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	Per ct.	Per ct.
In 125 Districts, and 23 Sub-districts, comprising the *Chief* Towns	2,149,800	8,247,017	9,806,780	606,862	2·709	2·691
In the remaining Districts and Sub-districts of England and Wales, comprising *chiefly Small Towns and Country Parishes*	35,175,115	9,680,592	10,259,444	567,408	2·297	2·209
All England	37,324,915	17,927,609	20,066,224	1,174,270	2·489	2·447

In the district that comprise the *chief towns*, the rate of mortality was 2·691 per cent. against an average of 2·709. In those that consist chiefly of *small towns* and country parishes the rate was 2·209, against an average of 2·297. The country was not only favourably distinguished from town by having a rate of mortality which was lower by five deaths in each thousand of the population; it also appears to have attained a higher degree of salubrity as compared with that which had been experienced in the winters of former years.

The quarter, for which the present return is made, was at least as healthy as the same period in 1861, and more healthy than that of 1860. Taken as a whole, the season was warm, and "the wet," which is so much the subject of complaint in the local reports, was probably an evil that was not without its wholesome mixture of good. But Lancashire, as has been already mentioned in general terms, has tended to darken the aspect of returns, which viewed in the aggregate are not unfavourable. In the last three corresponding quarters the deaths in that county considerably increased; they were in the first 16,024, in the next 17,412, and in the March quarter of the present year 18,652.

Of twenty-six districts of which *Lancashire* consists, there was in twenty-one an increase of the deaths now returned over those of the March quarter of 1860; and in sixteen an increase over those of the same quarter of 1861. In Leigh the deaths in the three corresponding quarters were successively 273, 274, and 339; in Bury 591, 695, and 801; in Salford 706, 632, and 818; in Oldham 692, 809, and 893; in Haslingden 400, 422, and 491; in Burnley 500, 531, and 603; in Blackburn 727, 850, and 996; in Preston 823, 877, and 887; and in Manchester 1,760, 1,774, and 2,313. In Stockport the deaths in the same periods were 651, 588, and 711.

The registrars in certain districts refer the increased mortality which these figures too plainly reveal, to scarlatina, measles, bronchitis and pneumonia, which had been prevalent; and by some of them an opinion, which there is reason to fear may be too well founded, appears to be entertained that those complaints had found an active ally in the poverty and want which many of the unemployed thousands now suffer in the great seats of manufacture. Facts have been adduced to prove that in instances of great depression of trade, like that which recently occurred in Coventry, the mortality of children is reduced in consequence of the due amount of maternal care being bestowed on them which in more prosperous times is withdrawn by the importunate requisition of factory labour. This is within limits. Nursing in straitened circumstances may be better for children than fulness of good cheer without it; but when hard times are prolonged, and the small store that had been gathered in a day of full work is exhausted, the greatest amount of parental attention will not expel physical decline, sickness, or death itself from the dwelling.

MARRIAGES *Registered in Quarters ended* 31*st December*, 1861-59; *and* BIRTHS *and* DEATHS *in Quarters ended* 31*st March*, 1862-60.

1	2	3	4	5	6
DIVISIONS. (England and Wales.)	AREA in Statute	POPULATION, 1861. (*Persons.*)	MARRIAGES in Quarters ended 31st December.		
			'61.	'60.	'59.
	Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.
ENGLD. & WALES.... *Totals*	37,324,915	20,066,224	48,486	50,688	50,496
I. London	78,029	2,803,989	7,328	7,265	7,332
II. South-Eastern	4,065,935	1,847,661	4,272	4,274	4,219
III. South Midland	3,201,290	1,295,597	3,002	3,233	3,235
IV. Eastern	3,214,099	1,142,480	2,988	3,147	3,160
V. South-Western	4,993,660	1,835,714	3,914	4,022	4,060
VI. West Midland	3,865,332	2,436,568	6,087	6,488	6,311
VII. North Midland	3,540,797	1,288,928	2,886	2,952	3,166
VIII. North-Western	2,000,227	2,935,540	7,092	7,969	7,641
IX. Yorkshire	3,654,636	2,015,541	5,174	5,621	5,568
X. Northern	3,492,322	1,151,372	2,780	2,737	2,602
XI. Monmthsh. & Wales	5,218,588	1,312,834	2,963	2,980	3,202

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
DIVISIONS. (England and Wales.)	BIRTHS in Quarters ended 31st March.			DEATHS in Quarters ended 31st March.		
	'62.	'61.	'60.	'62.	'61.	'60.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
ENGLD. & WALES.... *Totals*	182,005	173,170	183,180	122,192	121,713	122,617
I. London	25,800	25,407	25,017	18,405	18,965	18,823
II. South-Eastern	15,385	14,924	15,429	9,533	9,429	9,985
III. South Midland	10,980	10,537	11,764	7,003	6,965	7,370
IV. Eastern	9,439	9,300	10,064	6,193	6,225	6,579
V. South-Western	15,345	14,731	15,904	9,692	10,015	10,850
VI. West Midland	22,761	22,088	23,833	14,884	14,611	14,909
VII. North Midland	11,347	10,881	11,875	7,075	7,267	7,540
VIII. North-Western	29,404	26,775	27,491	21,610	20,269	19,078
IX. Yorkshire	18,885	17,659	19,148	12,539	12,846	12,610
X. Northern	11,508	10,402	10,879	7,180	7,128	6,683
XI. Monmthsh. & Wales	11,151	10,466	11,776	8,078	7,993	8,190

REMARKS ON THE WEATHER

DURING THE QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1862.

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Till the 6th of *January* the mean temperature of the air was $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ *below* the average; from the 7th to the 15th was $7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ above; them for the next six days was 8° below. A period of warm weather followed extending to the 6th of *February*; within which some of the days were as much as 13° to 15° in excess, and the average daily excess for the 15 days was 8°. From the 7th of February to the 16th was cold; the daily defect of temperature was $3\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. The next six days were in excess to the amount of 8° daily; then from the 24th of February to the 5th of *March* there was a daily deficiency of $5\frac{1}{2}^\circ$, followed by a period of nine days whose daily average was 7° in excess; this period was succeeded by another ending the 21st of March, of deficient temperature to the amount of $2\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ daily; and from the 21st of March to the end of the quarter there was an excess of temperature to the amount of 6° daily.

Therefore during the whole of the past three months the temperature of the air has been for a few days together cold, and then for a few days together warm, and so on alternately; the former or cold periods have varied from five to nine days, and the warm from seven to nine days, with one of fifteen days. The warm periods have generally been of somewhat longer duration than the cold periods, and have also been generally more in excess of the average than the cold periods have been in defect, so that upon the quarter the temperature has been in excess, and would class as a warm period. I have no recollection of such a succession of hot and cold periods of nearly equal lengths.

The mean high day temperature in January averaged $\frac{3}{4}^\circ$, and February $1\frac{3}{4}^\circ$ above, whilst in March it was $0^\circ{\cdot}1$ *below* their respective averages.

The mean low night temperature in January was 1° nearly, in February $3\frac{1}{4}^\circ$, and in March 3°, in excess of their respective averages.

Therefore the days in January and February were warm, and in March of just average temperature; whilst the nights were warm in January, and much more so in both February and March.

The mean temperature of the air was $0^\circ{\cdot}9$ in excess in January, $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ in excess in February, and $1^\circ{\cdot}3$ in March, as compared with the averages of the preceding 21 years, chiefly due to the warm nights in February.

The mean temperature of the dew point was $0^\circ{\cdot}6$ below its average in January, 2° above in February, and $2^\circ{\cdot}9$ above in March. The mean for the quarter was nearly $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ in excess; therefore the amount of water mixed with the air was less in January and greater in February and March.

The mean pressure of the atmosphere in January was 0·06 inch below, in February was 0·12 inch above, and in March 0·29 inch below their respective averages.

The fall of rain in January was 1·9 inch, in February 0·5 inch, and in March 3·7 inches; the total fall for the quarter was 6·1 inches, being about 1¼ inch above the average of the preceding 45 years. The fall in February was nearly the smallest which has occurred in this month since 1815, it having been less on three occasions, viz., 0·04 inch in 1821, 0·4 inch in 1834, and 0·2 inch in 1857. The fall in March has been exceeded twice since 1815, viz., in 1818, when it was 3·8 inches, and again in 1851, when it was 4·1 inches.

The range of the readings of the barometer in January south of latitude 52°, was about 1·1 inch, between 52° and 53° was 1·2 inch, gradually increasing to 1·4 inch at extreme northern stations. In February, stations situated between the latitudes 51° and 52° was 1·2 inch and 1·3 inch; at stations situated north and south of these latitudes it was 1·4 inch to 1·5 inch; and in March it varied from 0·9 inch at southern stations to 1·1 inch at northern stations.

The mean temperature of the air at Greenwich for the three months ending February, constituting the three winter months, was 40°·4, being 2°·6 *above* the average of the preceding 90 years.

1862. Months.	Temperature of Air. Mean.	Temperature of Air. Diff. from Average of 91 Years.	Temperature of Air. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Temperature of Evaporation. Mean.	Temperature of Evaporation. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Temperature of Dew Point. Mean.	Temperature of Dew Point. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Air—Daily Range. Mean.	Air—Daily Range. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Water of the Thames	Elastic Force of Vapour. Mean.	Elastic Force of Vapour. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Weight of Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air. Mean.	Weight of Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.
	°	°	°	°	°	°	°	°	°	°	In.	In.	Gr.	Gr.
Jan.	39·0	+2·9	+0·9	37·1	+0·2	34·6	−0·6	9·6	−0·1	39·4	·200	−·003	2·3	−0·1
Feb.	41·1	+2·8	+2·5	39·1	+2·1	36·6	+2·0	9·8	−1·6	43·3	·217	+·014	2·5	+0·1
Mar.	43·1	+2·2	+1·3	41·5	+2·0	39·5	+2·9	11·6	−3·2	44·4	·242	+·024	2·8	+0·3
Mean.....	41·1	+2·6	+1·6	39·2	+1·4	36·9	+1·4	10·3	−1·6	42·4	·219	+·012	2·5	+0·1

1862. Months.	Degree of Humidity. Mean.	Degree of Humidity. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Reading of Barometer. Mean.	Reading of Barometer. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air. Mean.	Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air. Diff. from Average of 21 Years.	Rain. Amnt.	Rain. Diff. from Average of 46 Years.	Daily Horizontal Movement of the Air.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass. Number of Nights it was At or below 30°.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass. Number of Nights it was Between 30° and 40°.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass. Number of Nights it was Above 40°.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass. Lowest Reading at Night.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass. Highest Reading at Night.
			In.	In.	Gr.	Gr.	In.	In.	Miles.				°	°
Jan.	85	− 4	29·705	−·064	552	− 2	1·9	−0·1	255	18	10	3	13·4	43·1
Feb.	84	− 1	29·905	+·122	553	0	0·5	−1·1	223	7	15	6	17·0	48·0
Mar.	86	+ 4	29·498	+·286	544	− 6	3·7	+2·2	237	8	13	10	14·0	46·0
Mean.....	85	0	29·703	+·076	549	− 3	Sum 6·1	Sum +1·2	Mean 238	Sum 33	Sum 38	Sum 19	Lowest 13·4	Highst 48·0

Note.—In reading this table it will be borne in mind that the sign (−) minus signifies below the average, and that the sign (+) plus signifies above the average.

ENGLAND.—*Meteorological Table, Quarter ended* 31*st March,* 1862.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NAMES OF STATIONS.	Mean Pressure of Dry Air reduced to the Level of the Sea.	Highest Reading of the Thermometer.	Lowest Reading of the Thermometer.	Range of Temperature in the Quarter.	Mean Monthly Range of Temperature.	Mean Daily Range of Temperature.	*Mean Temperature of the Air.*	Mean Degree of Humidity.
	in.	°	°	°	°	°	°	
Guernsey	29·616	59·0	29·0	30·0	26·2	6·4	43·7	87
Exeter	29·581	60·7	20·3	40·4	34·6	10·5	43·2	86
Ventnor	29·628	58·0	25·0	33·0	26·3	7·0	43·2	77
Barnstaple	29·605	61·4	22·2	39·2	32·4	10·8	43·4	92
Royal Observatory	29·650	63·6	20·4	43·2	35·8	10·4	41·0	85
Royston	29·668	63·3	17·5	45·8	37·0	10·7	39·9	90
Lampeter	29·576	61·5	16·0	45·5	39·7	11·3	41·6	89
Norwich	29·633	59·0	21·0	38·0	34·0	9·6	40·6	90
Belvoir Castle	29·631	58·3	17·0	41·3	37·3	10·1	39·6	91
Liverpool	29·643	56·6	26·8	29·8	26·3	7·1	42·0	87
Wakefield	29·636	60·0	19·0	41·0	36·5	10·2	40·1	91
Leeds	—	60·0	21·0	39·0	33·3	6·7	38·2	89
Stonyhurst	29·580	56·1	19·0	37·1	29·1	8·8	39·8	87
York	29·602	57·5	21·5	36·0	33·2	7·9	39·7	92
North Shields	29·590	56·2	18·0	38·2	31·2	7·8	38·6	93
Alnwick	29·614	57·0	18·0	39·0	32·0	9·1	37·6	93

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NAMES OF STATIONS.	WIND.					Mean Amount of Cloud.	RAIN.	
	Mean estimated Strength.	Relative Proportion of					Number of Days on which it fell.	Amount collected.
		N.	E.	S.	W.			
								in.
Guernsey	1·6	6	8	9	8	5·9	43	9·0
Exeter	1·8	9	8	7	6	6·4	57	8·5
Ventnor	—	5	9	6	10	—	42	7·3
Barnstaple	1·3	5	12	7	6	4·8	53	8·6
Royal Observatory	0·4	5	7	9	9	1·4	45	6·0
Royston	—	6	6	8	9	7·4	64	5·2
Lampeter	0·8	6	9	8	7	7·6	45	10·7
Norwich	1·4	—	—	—	—	8·1	43	6·3
Belvoir Castle	1·5	7	4	12	8	7·6	50	5·3
Liverpool	1·3	5	7	14	6	8·3	40	5·0
Wakefield	1·5	9	7	6	8	8·0	54	5·8
Leeds	1·4	6	8	8	7	8·5	48	4·4
Stonyhurst	0·6	7	9	7	7	8·6	45	10·2
York	—	5	10	7	8	—	—	4·7
North Shields	1·7	8	6	8	8	7·5	73	7·2
Alnwick	1·6	5	12	4	9	7·6	57	9·6

Trade of United Kingdom, 1861-60-59.—*Distribution of* **Exports** *from, United Kingdom, according to the Declared Real Value of the Exports; and the Computed Real Value (Ex-duty) of* **Imports** *at Port of Entry, and therefore including Freight and Importer's Profit.*

Merchandize (*excluding Gold and Silver*), Imported from, and Exported to, the following Foreign Countries, &c. (The unit 000's are omitted.)	Whole Year.					
	1861.		1860.		1859.	
	Imports from	*Exports to*	Imports from	*Exports to*	Imports from	*Exports to*
I.—Foreign Countries:	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northern Europe; viz., Russia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark & Iceland, & Heligoland	18,649,	5,057,	23,118,	5,042,	19,608,	5,868,
Central Europe; viz., Prussia, Germany, the Hanse Towns, Holland, and Belgium	24,663,	21,303,	27,889,	21,217,	20,735,	18,631,
Western Europe; viz., France, Portugal (with Azores, Madeira, &c.), and Spain (with Gibraltar and Canaries)	24,979,	15,126,	24,244,	10,879,	22,180,	8,960,
Southern Europe; viz., Italy, Austrian Empire, Greece, Ionian Islands, and Malta	4,872,	7,896,	4,887,	6,902,	4,610,	5,558,
Levant; viz., Turkey, with Wallachia and Moldavia, Syria and Palestine, and Egypt	13,247,	6,306,	15,908,	7,716,	12,519,	6,737,
Northern Africa; viz., Tripoli, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco	544,	171,	296,	219,	289,	124,
Western Africa	1,515,	878,	1,801,	967,	1,526,	710,
Eastern Africa; with African Ports on Red Sea, Aden, Arabia, Persia, Bourbon, and Kooria Mooria Islands	6,	39,	54,	81,	61,	272,
Indian Seas, Siam, Java, Sumatra, Philippines; other Islands	1,183,	1,918,	1,151,	2,122,	2,249,	3,193,
South Sea Islands	—	115,	—	34,	12,	115,
China, including **Hong Kong**	9,610,	4,891,	9,491,	5,319,	9,112,	4,460,
United States of America	49,385,	9,058,	44,728,	21,614,	34,295,	22,611,
Mexico and Central America	662,	756,	715,	645,	667,	825,
Foreign West Indies and Hayti	4,900,	2,172,	3,578,	2,670,	3,828,	2,557,
South America, (**Northern**,) New Granada, Venezuela, and Ecuador	539,	1,405,	687,	1,209,	585,	1,069,
,, (**Pacific**,) Peru, Bolivia, Chili, and Patagonia	5,718,	2,561,	5,373,	3,086,	3,772,	2,332,
,, (**Atlantic**) Brazil, Uruguay, and Buenos Ayres	4,741,	6,525,	4,238,	7,149,	5,205,	5,337,
Whale Fisheries; Grnlnd., Davis' Straits, Southn. Whale Fishery, & Falkland Islands	135,	10,	153,	6,	168,	11,
Total.—Foreign Countries	165,348,	86,487,	168,311,	96,877,	141,421,	89,370,
II.—British Possessions:						
British India, Ceylon, and Singapore	26,155,	17,925,	18,467,	19,310,	16,901,	20,500,
Austral. Cols.—New South Wales and Victoria	4,945,	8,265,	4,698,	7,808,	4,241,	9,344,
,, ,, So. Aus., W. Aus., Tasm., and N. Zea.	1,956,	2,437,	1,772,	1,899,	1,601,	1,881,
British North America	8,664,	3,697,	6,826,	3,738,	5,476,	3,615,
,, W. Indies with Btsh. Guiana & Honduras	6,106,	2,665,	6,304,	9,557,	5,688,	2,278,
Cape and Natal	1,422,	1,987,	1,714,	2,064,	1,640,	567,
Brt. W. Co. of Af., Ascension and St. Helena	202,	434,	175,	395,	480,	613,
Mauritius	1,914,	552,	1,684,	539,	1,689,	1,937,
Channel Islands	639,	666,	697,	656,	197,	335,
Total.—British Possessions	52,003,	38,628,	42,337,	38,966,	37,913,	41,070,
General Total £	217,351,	125,115,	210,648,	135,843,	179,334,	130,440,

IMPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—Whole Years, 1861-60-59-8-7.—*Computed Real Value (Ex-duty), at Port of Entry (and therefore including Freight and Importer's Profit), of Articles of Foreign and Colonial Merchandize Importe into the United Kingdom.*

(Whole Years.) (000's omitted.) FOREIGN ARTICLES IMPORTED.		1861.	1860.	1859.	1858.	1857.
		£	£	£	£	£
RAW MATLS.—*Textile.*	Cotton Wool	38,653,	35,757,	34,568,	30,107,	29,289,
	Wool (Sheep's)..	9,719,	11,031,	9,831,	8,972,	9,682,
	Silk	7,907,	10,324,	10,596,	6,111,	14,229,
	Flax	3,423,	3,837,	3,769,	3,021,	3,525,
	Hemp	1,894,	1,865,	2,363,	1,873,	1,953,
	Indigo	2,977,	2,529,	1,929,	2,292,	2,185,
		64,573,	65,343,	63,056,	52,376,	60,863,
,, ,, *Various.*	Hides	2,892,	3,296,	3,373,	2,480,	4,474,
	Oils	3,576,	3,923,	3,654,	3,636,	4,025,
	Metals	3,752,	4,228,	3,887,	3,710,	4,017,
	Tallow	3,312,	4,014,	2,933,	3,042,	3,285,
	Timber.....	9,931,	9,206,	8,163,	5,964,	7,564,
		23,463,	24,667,	22,010,	18,832,	23,365,
,, ,, *Agrcltl.*	Guano	2,022,	1,563,	769,	4,084,	3,613,
	Seeds	3,108,	3,392,	3,042,	2,710,	3,062,
		5,130,	4,955,	3,811,	6,794,	6,675,
TROPICAL, &c., PRODUCE.	Tea	6,851,	6,944,	5,813,	5,207,	4,677,
	Coffee	2,629,	2,543,	1,956,	1,742,	1,720,
	Sugar & Molasses	13,252,	12,811,	12,539,	13,468,	16,407,
	Tobacco	2,195,	1,778,	1,817,	2,531,	2,182,
	Rice	2,127,	1,023,	805,	1,653,	1,959,
	Fruits	1,470,	1,254,	1,599,	1,290,	1,479,
	Wine	3,863,	4,202,	2,781,	2,041,	4,081,
	Spirits	1,734,	1,919,	2,228,	1,250,	2,788,
		34,121,	32,474,	29,538,	29,182,	35,293,
FOOD	Grain and Meal..	34,750,	31,432,	17,894,	19,993,	19,239,
	Provisions	7,780,	6,546,	3,372,	3,139,	4,019,
		42,530,	37,978,	21,266,	23,132,	23,258,
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		3,869,	3,714,	3,379,	3,023,	3,930,
TOTAL ENUMERATED IMPORTS....		173,687,	169,131,	143,060,	133,339,	153,384,
Add for UNENUMERATED IMPORTS (say)		43,422,	42,283,	35,765,	33,335,	38,346,
TOTAL IMPORTS.....		217,109,	211,414,	178,825,	166,674,	191,730,

IMPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—First Two Months (*January — February*) 1862-61-60-59-58.—*Computed Real Value* (*Ex-duty*), *at Port of Entry* (*and therefore including Freight and Importer's Profit*), *of Articles of Foreign and Colonial Merchandize Imported into the United Kingdom.*

(First Two Months.) (000's omitted.) FOREIGN ARTICLES IMPORTED.		1862.	1861.	1860.	1859.	1858.
		£	£	£	£	£
RAW MATLS.—*Textile.*	Cotton Wool	1,206,	3,979,	5,338,	3,952,	2,138,
	Wool (Sheep's)..	510,	392,	660,	418,	451,
	Silk	2,034,	1,181,	1,385,	2,313,	688,
	Flax	366,	198,	297,	243,	107,
	Hemp	60,	54,	58,	72,	54,
	Indigo	179,	66,	93,	76,	134,
		4,355,	5,870,	7,831,	7,074,	3,572,
,, ,, *Various.*	Hides	182,	124,	299,	140,	127,
	Oils	339,	170,	363,	306,	180,
	Metals	525,	260,	349,	287,	215,
	Tallow	145,	130,	134,	86,	113,
	Timber.....	498,	526,	363,	275,	265,
		1,689,	1,210,	1,508,	1,094,	900,
,, ,, *Agrcltl.*	Guano	54,	151,	134,	88,	221,
	Seeds	242,	228,	317,	326,	207,
		296,	379,	451,	414,	428,
TROPICAL, &c., PRODUCE.	Tea	1,639,	1,110,	1,158,	476,	416,
	Coffee	284,	172,	188,	118,	97,
	Sugar & Molasses	1,153,	1,304,	1,111,	1,097,	904,
	Tobacco	154,	179,	43,	67,	76,
	Rice.....	46,	128,	87,	24,	149,
	Fruits	82,	173,	100,	80,	60,
	Wine	448,	544,	391,	242,	227,
	Spirits	241,	186,	215,	168,	75,
		4,047,	3,796,	3,293,	2,272,	2,004,
FOOD	Grain and Meal..	5,274,	6,172,	1,709,	1,993,	2,595,
	Provisions	658,	508,	649,	352,	330,
		5,932,	6,680,	2,358,	2,345,	2,925,
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		408,	311,	431,	308,	281,
TOTAL ENUMERATED IMPORTS....		16,727,	18,246,	15,872,	13,507,	10,110,
Add for UNENUMERATED IMPORTS (say)		4,182,	4,561,	3,968,	3,377,	2,527,
TOTAL IMPORTS.....		20,909,	22,807,	19,840,	16,884,	12,637,

EXPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—First Three Months, 1862-61-60-59-58.—*Declared Real Value, at Port of Shipment, of Articles of* British *and* Irish *Produce and Manufactures Exported from United Kingdom.*

(First Three Months) (Unit 000's omitted.) British Produce, &c., Exported.		1862.	1861.	1860.	1859.	1858.
		£	£	£	£	£
Manfrs.—*Textile.*	Cotton Manufactures..	7,530,	9,134,	9,389,	9,550,	6,981,
	,, Yarn	1,389,	1,908,	2,425,	2,303,	2,144,
	Woollen Manufactures	2,985,	2,876,	3,005,	2,948,	1,941,
	,, Yarn	669,	641,	807,	545,	450,
	Silk Manufactures	473,	532,	503,	559,	320,
	,, Yarn	78,	55,	48,	50,	39,
	Linen Manufactures	1,088,	1,084,	1,122,	1,177,	970,
	,, Yarn	403,	327,	469,	475,	317,
		14,615,	16,557,	17,768,	17,607,	13,162,
,, *Sewed.*	Apparel	422,	390,	462,	452,	374,
	Haberdy. and Mllnry	673,	902,	989,	1,085,	755,
		1,095,	1,292,	1,451,	1,537,	1,129,
Metals	Hardware	566,	732,	816,	834,	679,
	Machinery	718,	750,	663,	576,	659,
	Iron	2,049,	2,058,	2,395,	2,604,	1,912,
	Copper and Brass	596,	474,	676,	664,	645,
	Lead and Tin	586,	350,	573,	584,	389,
	Coals and Culm	782,	658,	618,	608,	564,
		5,297,	5,022,	5,741,	5,870,	4,848,
Ceramic Manufcts.	Earthenware and Glass	357,	385,	480,	442,	370,
Indigenous Mnfrs.	Beer and Ale	402,	348,	645,	572,	452,
	Butter	54,	134,	139,	161,	100,
	Cheese	25,	27,	26,	30,	13,
	Candles	47,	69,	63,	32,	27,
	Salt	58,	78,	61,	39,	40,
	Spirits	58,	79,	60,	56,	51,
	Soda	186,	117,	226,	251,	134,
		830,	852,	1,220,	1,141,	817,
Various Manufcts.	Books	83,	100,	101,	101,	87,
	Furniture	45,	35,	48,	51,	57,
	Leather Manufactures	585,	402,	514,	431,	436,
	Soap	53,	46,	63,	39,	39,
	Plate and Watches	94,	102,	120,	126,	113,
	Stationery	57,	143,	181,	185,	166,
		917,	828,	1,027,	933,	898,
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		1,663,	710,	707,	771,	600,
Unenumerated Articles		1,649,	2,023,	2,087,	2,219,	1,686,
Total Exports		26,423,	27,669,	30,481,	30,520,	23,510,

SHIPPING. — FOREIGN TRADE. — (United Kingdom.) — First Three Months, (*January—March*), 1862-61-60-59.—*Vessels Entered and Cleared with Cargoes, including repeated Voyages, but excluding Government Transports.*

(First Three Months.)	1862.			1861.		1860.		1859.	
ENTERED:—	Vessels.	Tonnage (000's omitted.)	Average Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage (000's omitted.)	Vessels.	Tonnage (000's omitted.)	Vessels.	Tonnage (000's omitted.)
Vessels belonging to—	No.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	Tons	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Russia	55	20,	363	60	23,	39	15,	39	13,
Sweden	65	16,	246	117	25,	70	17,	60	15,
Norway	314	62,	199	212	43,	182	42,	124	31,
Denmark	309	32,	104	379	39,	328	34,	253	29,
Prussia and Ger. Sts.	361	101,	279	375	108,	311	79,	265	74,
Holland and Belgium	356	47,	132	295	39,	271	40,	273	44,
France	396	35,	89	597	47,	302	27,	584	46,
Spain and Portugal	77	24,	311	102	25,	61	17,	75	18,
Italy & other Eupn. Sts.	81	27,	333	214	61,	117	37,	186	61,
United States	248	221,	891	489	450,	331	326,	197	199,
All other States	2	1,	650	3	1,	7	2,	4	1,
United Kingdm. & Depds.	2 264	586,	258	2,843	861,	2,019	636,	2,060	531,
	3 84.	1,181,	307	4,054	1,221,	3,712	1,113,	3,698	972,
Totals Entered	6,108	1,767	289	6,897	2,082,	5,731	1,749,	5,758	1,503,
CLEARED:—									
Russia	91	31,	340	81	28,	70	25,	68	24,
Sweden	100	25,	253	116	28,	116	29,	75	23,
Norway	227	51,	224	183	44,	207	52,	91	25,
Denmark	414	44,	106	404	46,	412	46,	269	33,
Prussia and Ger. Sts.	739	153,	207	594	134,	564	133,	428	118,
Holland and Belgium	438	68,	156	307	43,	322	53,	320	55,
France	1,223	127,	103	1,098	110,	697	76,	759	80,
Spain and Portugal	76	24,	316	77	21,	69	19,	73	17,
Italy & other Eupn. Sts.	97	32,	329	259	72,	206	64,	266	83,
United States	260	219,	842	377	357,	340	327,	246	2,240,
All other States	12	6,	500	5	2,	6	2,	5	31,
United Kingdm. & Depds.	3,687	780,	211	3,501	885,	3,009	826,	2,600	729,
	5,792	1,640,	283	4,792	1,332,	4,683	1,3 9	4,998	1,346,
Totals Cleared	9,479	2,420	255	8,293	2,217,	7,692	2,165	7,598	2,075,

GOLD AND SILVER BULLION AND SPECIE. — IMPORTED AND EXPORTED. — (United Kingdom.) — *Computed Real Value for the* First Three Months, (*January March*), 1862-61-60.

(000's at unit end omitted.)

(First Three Months.)	1862.		1861.		1860.	
	Gold.	*Silver.*	Gold.	*Silver.*	Gold.	*Silver.*
Imported from:—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australia	1,661,	—	1,612,	—	1,640,	—
So. Amca. and W. Indies	553,	1,307,	357,	1,579,	269,	1,252,
United States and Cal.	1,208,	36,	—	5,	507,	142,
	3,422,	1,343,	1,969,	1,584,	2,416,	1,394,
France	65,	249,	886,	206,	35,	1,347,
Hanse Towns, Holl. & Belg.	344,	591,	138,	114,	5,	648,
Prtgl., Spain, and Gbrltr.	7,	33,	4,	60,	6,	93,
Mlta., Trky., and Egypt	2,	5,	1,	3,	1,	1,
China	—	1,	—	—	—	—
West Coast of Africa	38,	2,	12,	—	32,	2,
All other Countries	77,	7,	14,	8,	1,	4,
Totals Imported	3,955,	2,231,	3,024,	1,975,	2,496,	3,489,
Exported to:—						
France	1,214,	202,	639,	278,	2,340,	94,
Hanse Towns, Holl. & Belg.	117,	91,	5,	115,	45,	7,
Prtgl., Spain, and Gbrltr.	486,	7,	224,	4,	126,	—
	1,817,	300,	868,	397,	2,511,	101,
Ind. and China (viâ Egypt)	353,	2,380,	188,	2,499,	600,	3,423,
Danish West Indies	28,	4,	—	—	—	—
United States	26,	—	3,063,	18,	1,	1,
South Africa	—	—	6,	—	2,	—
Mauritius	—	—	—	2,	—	—
Brazil	5,	10,	5,	37,	71,	30,
All other Countries	252,	13,	14,	37,	23,	22,
Totals Exported	2,481,	2,707,	4,144,	2,990,	3,208,	3,577,
Excess of *Imports*	1,474,	—	—	—	—	—
,, Exports	—	476,	1,120,	1,015,	712,	88,

REVENUE.—(UNITED KINGDOM.)—31ST MARCH, 1862-61-60-59.

Net Produce in YEARS *and* QUARTERS *ended* 31ST MARCH, 1862-61-60-59.

[Unit 000's omitted.]

QUARTERS, ended 31st March.	1862.	1861.	1862.		Corresponding Quarters.	
			Less.	More.	1860.	1859.
	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.
Customs	5,724,	5,824,	100,	—	5,551,	5,914,
Excise	5,044,	4,873,	—	171,	4,507,	3,187,
Stamps	2,294,	2,191,	—	103,	2,128,	2,061,
Taxes	355,	314,	—	41,	313,	312,
Post Office	905,	895,	—	10,	915,	830,
	14,322,	14,097,	100,	325,	13,414,	12,304,
Property Tax	4,427,	4,024,	—	403,	6,002,	2,483,
	18,749,	18,121,	100,	728,	19,416,	14,787,
Crown Lands	77,	76,	—	1,	75,	73,
Miscellaneous	780,	339,	—	441,	729,	340,
Totals	19,606,	18,536,	100,	1,170,	20,220,	15,200,
			NET INCR. £1,070,628			

YEARS, ended 31st March.	1862.	1861.	1862.		Corresponding Years.	
			Less.	More.	1860.	1859.
	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.	£ Mlns.
Customs	23,674,	23,306,	—	368,	24,461,	24,118,
Excise	18,332,	19,435,	1,103,	—	20,361,	17,902,
Stamps	8,591,	8,348,	—	243,	8,043,	8,006,
Taxes	3,160,	3,127,	—	33,	3,232,	3,162,
Post Office	3,510,	3,400,	—	110,	3,310,	3,200,
	57,267,	57,616,	1,103,	754,	59,407,	56,388,
Property Tax	10,365,	10,924,	559,	—	9,596,	6,683,
	67,632,	68,540,	1,662,	754,	69,003,	63,071,
Crown Lands	295,	290,	—	4,	284,	280,
Miscellaneous	1,747,	1,453,	—	294,	1,802,	2,126,
Totals	69,674,	70,283,	1,662,	1,052,	71,089,	65,477,
			NET DECR. £609,195			

REVENUE.—(UNITED KINGDOM).—QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1862:—
APPLICATION.

An Account showing the REVENUE *and other* RECEIPTS *of the* QUARTER *ended* 31*st March*, 1862; *the* APPLICATION *of the same, and the Charge of the Consolidated Fund for the said Quarter, together with the Surplus or Deficiency upon such Charge.*

Received:—

		£
Surplus Balance beyond the Charge of the *Consolidated Fund* for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1861, viz.:—		
Great Britain	—	
Ireland	£982,494	982,494
Income received in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1862, as shown on preceding page		19,606,614
Amount raised by Exchequer Bills issued to replace, in part, the amount of bills paid off out of the Ways and Means Money Grants for the year 1861-62		1,000,000
Amount raised per Act 23 and 24 Victoria, cap. 109, on account of Fortifications, &c.		220,000
Amount received in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1862, in repayment of Advances for Public Works, &c.		231,564
Saving on former charges for the Civil List		150
		£22,040,822
Balance, being the deficiency on 31st March, 1862, upon the charge of the Consolidated Fund in Great Britain, to meet the Dividends, and other charges, payable in the Quarter to 30th June, 1862, and for which Exchequer Bills (Deficiency) will be issued in that Quarter		1,936,281
		£23,977,103

Paid:—

		£
Amount applied out of the Income for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1862, in redemption of Exchequer Bills (Deficiency), for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1861		3,251,250
Amount applied in redemption of Ways and Means Bills issued in the Quarter ended 31st December, 1861		1,000,000
Amount applied out of the Income to *Supply Services* in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1862		11,642,818
Charge of the *Consolidated Fund* for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1862, viz.:—		
Interest of the Permanent Debt	£5,724,419	
Terminable Debt	638,374	
Interest of Deficiency and Ways and Means Bills	5,189	
The Civil List	100,866	
Other Charges on Consolidated Fund	770,898	
Advances for Public Works, &c.	358,085	
		7,597,861
Surplus Balance in Ireland beyond the Charge of the Consolidated Fund in Ireland for the Quarter ended 31*st March*, 1862, viz.:		485,174
		£23,977,103

CORN.—*Gazette Average Prices* (England and Wales) *First Quarter of* 1862.

[This Table is communicated by H. F. Jadis, Esq., Comptroller of Corn Returns.]

Weeks ended on a Saturday 1862.	Weekly Average. (Per Impl. Quarter)					
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
January 4	62 1	36 8	22 2	37 11	40 10	42 3
„ 11	61 11	36 9	21 9	35 8	40 11	41 6
„ 18	61 4	36 11	22 2	36 8	40 11	41 1
„ 25	60 3	36 8	21 10	39 10	40 –	39 7
Average for January	61 4	36 9	21 11	37 6	40 8	41 1
February 1	60 2	36 6	21 11	35 –	40 1	40 7
„ 8	60 4	36 7	21 11	39 –	40 1	40 1
„ 15	59 10	36 5	21 11	39 4	39 8	39 6
„ 22	59 6	36 –	22 4	38 –	40 3	39 4
Average for February	59 11	36 4	22 –	37 10	40 –	39 10
March 1	59 8	35 9	22 6	36 –	39 3	39 7
„ 8	59 2	35 9	22 1	34 6	39 7	39 9
„ 15	59 –	35 10	21 11	38 5	39 5	40 1
„ 22	59 5	36 –	21 11	36 1	38 11	38 7
„ 29	58 11	35 10	21 11	35 –	38 10	40 2
Average for March	59 2	35 10	22 –	36 –	39 2	39 7
Average for the Quarter	60 1	36 3	22 –	37 –	39 10	40 1

RAILWAYS.—Prices, *Jan.—March,—and* Trafeic, *Jan.—March,* 1862.

Total Capital Expended Mlns.	Railway.	For the (£100). Price on			Miles Open.		Total Traffic first 13 Weeks. (unit 000's omitted.)		Traffic pr. Mile pr. Wk. 13 Weeks.		Dividends per Cent. for Half Years.		
		1st Mch.	1st Feb.	1st Jan.	'62.	'61.	'62.	'61.	'62.	'61.	31 Dec. '61.	30 Jun. '61.	31 Dec. '60.
£					No.	No.	£	£	£	£	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
44,0	Lond. & N.Westn.	94	92¾	93½	1,062	1,007	964,	1,016,	69	77	47 6	37 6	52 6
34,7	Great Western	70¼	67½	69½	964	964	633,	631,	50	50	30 –	22 6	35 –
13,3	Great Northern	114½	113½	113½	330	330	311,	333,	72	77	77 6	37 6	63 9
11,2	Eastern Counties.	56	52	53	499	499	298,	299,	45	46	30 –	16 3	23 9
9,9	Brighton	121	118	113½	241	224	171,	170,	54	58	70 –	50 –	70 –
13,9	South-Eastern	83¾	79½	77¾	306	306	224,	239,	56	60	50 –	41 8	60 –
12,3	South-Western	99½	98	93½	400	394	195,	197,	37	38	55 –	40 –	52 6
139,3		89	88	87	3,802	3,724	2,796,	2,885,	56	59	51 –	35 1	51 1
21,4	Midland	129¼	131½	130½	614	614	464,	490,	58	61	70 –	62 6	70 –
19,1	Lancsh. and York.	106¼	107¼	108½	395	395	391,	448,	75	87	50 –	45 –	60 –
11,5	Sheffield and Man.	44	44	44⅞	231	231	172,	187,	57	62	12 6	7 6	15 –
23,4	North-Eastern	97¾	100⅞	101½	789	764	426,	462,	41	46	50 –	52 6	57 6
4,5	South Wales	67¼	69	67	171	171	—	86,	—	38	30 –	27 6	30 –
79,9		89	92	90	2,200	2,175	1,453,	1,673,	50	57	42 –	39 –	46 6
9,0	Caledonian	105¼	104	103	219	219	195,	190,	68	66	55 –	50 –	55 –
5,2	Gt. S. & Wn. Irlnd.	105	106	103	329	329	94,	93,	22	21	50 –	50 –	50 –
233,4	*Gen. aver.*	91	91	90	6,550	6,447	3,138,	4,841,	36	57	48 6	38 7	49 8

Consols.—Money Prices 1*st March*, 93⅜ to ½,—1*st Feb.*, 92⅞ to 93,—1*st Jan.*, 91⅓.
Exchequer Bills. „ 21*s.* pm. „ 16*s.* to 22*s.* pm. „ 8*s.* to 11*s.* pm.

BANK OF ENGLAND.—WEEKLY RETURN.

***Pursuant to the Act 7th and 8th Victoria, c. 32 (1844), for Wednesday in each Week, during the* FIRST QUARTER *(Jan.—March) of* 1862.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ISSUE DEPARTMENT.					COLLATERAL COLUMNS.	
Liabilities.	DATES.	Assets.				
Notes Issued.	(Wednesdays)	Government Debt.	Other Securities.	Gold Coin and Bullion.	Notes in Hands of Public. (Col. 1 minus col. 16.)	Minimum Rates of Discount at Bank of England.
Mlns. £	1862.	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	1861. Per ann.
29,79	Jan. 1	11,02	3,63	15,14	20,16	7 Nov. 3 p. ct.
29,86	,, 8 ...	11,02	3,63	15,21	20,35	1862.
30,12	,, 15	11,02	3,63	15,74	20,69	9 Jan. 2½ ,,
30,13	,, 22	11,02	3,63	15,48	20,95	
30,03	,, 29 ..	11,02	3,63	15,38	20,47	
29,76	Feb. 5	11,02	3,63	15,12	20,73	
29,87	,, 12	11,02	3,63	15,22	20,53	
29,66	,, 19 ...	11,02	3,63	15,01	20,13	
29,50	,, 26	11,02	3,63	14,85	20,05	
29,47	Mar. 5	11,02	3,63	14,82	20,53	
29,79	,, 12	11,02	3,63	15,14	20,02	
30,32	,, 19	11,02	3,63	15,67	19,87	
30,54	,, 26	11,02	3,63	15,89	20,20	

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Liabilities.					DATES.	Assets.				Totals of Liabilities and Assets.
Capital and Rest.		Deposits.		Seven Day and other Bills.		Securities.		Reserve.		
Capital.	Rest.	Public.	Private.		(Wdnsdys.)	Government.	Other.	Notes.	Gold and Silver Coin.	
Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	1862.	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £	Mlns. £
14,55	3,18	7,35	15,04	,65	Jan. 1	11,56	18,76	9,63	,82	40,77
14,55	3,23	4,54	18,21	,73	,, 8	12,77	18,16	9,51	,84	41,27
14,55	3,28	4,58	16,48	,76	,, 15	12,27	17,14	9,43	,82	39,66
14,55	3,28	5,47	15,37	,75	,, 22	12,27	17,10	9,18	,87	39,42
14,55	3,29	5,75	14,75	,71	,, 29	11,57	17,03	9,56	,90	39,06
14,55	3,40	5,79	14,18	,69	Feb. 5	11,30	17,44	9,03	,84	38,61
14,55	3,41	4,88	15,53	,71	,, 12	11,10	17,81	9,34	,82	39,08
14,55	3,41	5,40	15,09	,64	,, 19	11,10	17,57	9,53	,89	39,09
14,55	3,33	5,76	14,94	,69	,, 26	11,21	17,72	9,45	,90	39,28
14,55	3,66	6,76	13,74	,69	Mar. 5	11,21	18,38	8,94	,85	39,39
14,55	3,66	7,53	13,76	,65	,, 12	11,21	18,28	9,77	,89	40,15
14,55	3,66	8,01	13,34	,61	,, 19	11,72	18,14	10,45	,88	40,18
14,55	3,67	8,41	13,15	,62	,, 26	10,89	18,24	10,34	,92	40,41

CIRCULATION.—Country Banks.

Average amount of Promissory Notes in Circulation in England *and* Wales, *on Saturday, in each Week during the* First Quarter (*Jan.—March*) *of* 1862; *and in* Scotland *and* Ireland, *at the Three Dates, as under.*

England and Wales.				Scotland.				Ireland.		
Dates.	Private Banks. (Fixed Issues, 4·35.)	Joint Stock Banks. (Fixed Issues, 3·30.)	Total. (Fixed Issues, 7·65.)	Four Weeks, ended	£5 and upwards.	Under £5.	Total. (Fixed Issues, 2·75.)	£5 and upwards.	Under £5.	Total. (Fixed Issues, 6·35.)
	Mlns.	Mlns.	Mlns.		Mlns.	Mlns.	Mlns.	Mlns.	Mlns.	Mlns.
1861.	£	£	£	1862.	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dec. 21	3,22	2,82	6,04							
,, 28	3,19	2,80	5,99							
1862.										
Jan. 4	3,24	2,82	6,06							
,, 11	3,33	2,91	6,24	Jan. 11	1,60	2,69	4,29	2,05	3,12	6,17
,, 18	3,56	2,94	3,30							
,, 25	3,32	2,91	6,23							
Feb. 1	3,27	2,88	6,15							
,, 8	3,25	2,87	6,12	Feb. 8	1,52	2,53	4,05	3,05	3,03	6,08
,, 15	3,22	2,86	6,08							
,, 22	3,19	2,85	6,04							
Mar. 1	3,18	2,84	6,02							
,, 8	3,15	2,85	6,00	Mar. 8	1,43	2,44	3,87	3,01	2,89	5,90
,, 15	3,14	2,87	6,01							
,, 22	3,14	2,89	6,03							
,, 29	3,23	2,94	6,17							

FOREIGN EXCHANGES.—*Quotations as under,* London *on Paris, Hamburg & Calcutta; —and New York, Calcutta, Hong Kong & Sydney, on* London—*with collateral cols.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Paris.				Hamburg.				Calcutta.				
Dates.	London on Paris.	Bullion as arbitrated.		Prem. or Dis. on Gold per mille.	London on Hambg.	Bullion as arbitrated.		New York.	India House.	At Calcutta on London.	Hong Kong.	Sydney.	Standard *Silver* in bars in London.
		Agnst. Engd.	For Engd.			Agnst Engd.	For Engd.						
	3 m. d.				3 m. d.			60 d. s.	60 d. s.	6 m. s.	6 m. s.	30 d. s.	pr. oz.
1862.		pr. ct.	pr. ct.			pr. ct.	pr. ct.	pr. ct.	*d.*	*d.*	*d.*	pr. ct.	*d.*
Jan. 11 ..	25·52	par	—	3 p.	13·8	par	—	111	26	24⅝	54½	1 p.	61⅛
,, 25 ..	·47	—	—	2 ,,	·7¼	—	0·1	113	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,⅜
Feb. 8 ..	·45	0·3	—	2 p.	·7¾	0·1	—	115	,,	,,	,,	2 p.	,,
,, 22 ..	·42	0·2	—	1 ,,	·8	—	0·2	113	,,	,,	,,	,,	,,½
Mar. 8 ..	·47	0·1	—	par	·8¼	—	0·2	114	,,	24¾	,,	,,	,,
,, 22 ..	·55	par	—	,,	·8½	—	,,	113	,,	,, ½	,,	,,	61